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ATTEMPTED MURDER SUSPECT COMMITS SUICIDE

On November 6, 2001, at approximately 2:30 p.m., a shooting occurred in the 4600 block of Aloha St. (SAPD Case 01-745757).

The preliminary investigation indicates that a disturbance occurred between a female complainant and her husband in the 4600 block of Aloha. The suspect obtained a rifle and fired several times at the complainant and two companions. The two companions, a male and female were shot. Both were taken to area hospitals where they are being treated for their gunshot wounds. The armed suspect then took his two children, an 18-month-old male and 7-month-old female, from the complainant and went inside his residence at 4628 Aloha.

Crisis Negotiators and S.W.A.T. officers responded. Throughout the evening, Crisis Negotiators attempted to communicate with the suspect. Although many attempts were made by Negotiators to communicate with the suspect, no contact was ever made.

At approximately 6:40 p.m., with no response from the suspect, S.W.A.T. officers made entry into the location. Shortly after entry was made, the suspect was found deceased with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. The children were located inside the home and were found in good condition and unharmed.

The suspect is identified as 21-year-old Saylat Thanasouk.

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